THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (e) On the basis of the available information, a tabular statement showing the particulars of major communal riots in these States is attached. [*See* Appendix CLII, Annexure No. 9] Action against all the guilty persons including the officials for specific offences is taken under the law by the State Govts. as public order and police are State subjects.

(f) Based on the recommendations of the National Integration Council and those of various Commissions of Enquiries, detailed and comprehensive guidelines for prevention of communal violence and for promoting communal harmony were issued to all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations in July, 1985. There after the need for scrupulous observance of these guidelines has been impressed upon the various State Governments/UTs from time to time.

It is the resolve of the Government that no efforts would be spared to guarantee full protection to the minorities and for promoting all round communal harmony in the country.

Situation in J & K

227. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the situation in Jammu & Kashmir has deteriorated after the release of five JKLF militants in exchange of release of Dr. Rubaiya who was kidnapped recently by them;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what steps are being taken by Government to solve the problem; and

(c) whether there is any move against the State Government; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (c) Militants were released on 13th evening. Antinational and secessionist elements celebrated the release by organising chain of processions, raising of anti-national and secessionist slogans and speech making in Srinagar and other major towns of Kashmir valley . Curfew was imposed at Sopore and Baramulla on December 14 and at Srinagar, Anantnag and Shopian on the next day, Curfew continued from 14th to 18th December with some relaxation and during these days police had to open fire a number of times resulting in the killing of 7 persons. One person drowned in Jhelum when a violent mob was being chased by police and another died while running away from the Army authorities on 19th. The situation after 14th has, by and large, remained under control though there is tension. There is partial curfew. Central assistance to maintain law and order has been extended as and when requested by the State Government.

Friendly relations with neighbouring countries

228. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to have friendly relations with all the foreign countries especially with our neighbouring countries; and